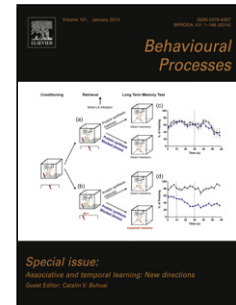


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<ABS-HEAD>Highlights ► In many aspects, dog’s visual performance is different from human vision. ► Our algorithm alters the color range, brightness and resolution arrangement of images. ► We tested humans with different visual cues, showing them in original and altered mode. ► Performance was weaker in case of directional eye glances showed in the altered setting. ►
<ST>Experimental</ST> methodologies should take in consideration dogs’ visual performance.
<ABS-HEAD>Abstract

<ABS-P>The visual sense of dogs is in many aspects **different** than that of humans. Unfortunately, authors do not explicitly take into consideration dog-human differences in visual perception when designing their experiments. **With** an image manipulation program **we altered** stationary images, **according to the present knowledge about dog-vision**. Besides the effect of dogs’ dichromatic vision, the software shows the effect of the lower visual acuity and brightness discrimination, too. Fifty adult humans were tested with pictures showing a female experimenter pointing, gazing or glancing to the left or right side. Half of the pictures were shown after they were altered to a setting that **approximated** dog vision. Participants had difficulty to find out the direction of glancing when the pictures were in dog-vision mode. Glances in dog-vision setting were followed less correctly and with a slower response time than other cues. Our results are the first that **show** the visual performance of humans **under circumstances that model** how dogs’ weaker vision would affect their responses in an ethological experiment. We urge researchers to take into consideration the differences between perceptual abilities of dogs and humans, by **developing** visual stimuli that fit more appropriately to dogs’ visual capabilities.

<KWD>Keywords: dog; ethology; human; visual perception

<H1>1. Introduction

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